

## INHERITANCE TAX BILL.

## THE SCHEME FOR A GRADUATED TAX ADVANCED IN THE SENATE.

Senator Cantor, in a speech of five minutes, and in which he referred to the bill as "the Populistic Senator from New York," both House to hold extra sessions to-day.

ALBANY, April 16.—Mr. Dudley's bill to carry out the scheme for a graduated inheritance tax, recommended by the committee on the subject, was advanced to a third reading in the Senate to-day, and the prospects now are that it will be passed. It has already passed the Assembly. It provides:

Where personal estate is subject to a transfer tax of 5 per cent, and the value of such estate exceeds \$10,000, an additional tax shall be imposed on the entire personal estate so taxable, at the accumulating rate of 1 per cent, for each additional \$250,000, or major fraction thereof, except that if the entire estate exceeds \$3,000,000, it shall only be subject to an accumulating rate of 1 per cent. Where personal estate is subject to a transfer tax of 1 per cent, as prescribed in this section, and the value of such estate exceeds \$1,000,000, an additional tax shall be imposed on the entire personal estate so taxable, at the accumulating rate of one-half of 1 per cent, for each additional \$250,000 or major fraction thereof up to \$2,500,000, and 1 per cent on the entire personal estate for each additional \$250,000 or major fraction thereof above \$2,500,000, except that if the entire estate exceeds \$4,000,000, it shall only be subject to taxation under this section at the aggregate rate of 1 per cent.

When the bill was taken up, Senator Cantor moved to strike out the enacting clause. He declared that the bill was in line with the general policy of the up-country members to throw out of all bills the enacting clause. The bill was then taken up, and the enacting clause was inserted.

Senator Lusk supported the bill, and Senator Cantor, in replying, referred to him as "the Populistic Senator from New York." This tilt between the rival trust hunters made the bill more interesting. Senator Cantor declared that the bill under discussion was in line with the declarations of the Chicago platform and was a piece of Bryanian pure and simple.

Senator Wray of Brooklyn also opposed the bill. He said that even if the principle were right, the execution of the bill would be an injustice, and was indefensible in equity. Senator Guy of New York, one of the bright particular stars of the assembly and a leader in the reform movement, declared that the bill was a piece of Bryanian pure and simple.

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## ELSWORTH BILL IN THE ASSEMBLY.

The Committee on Rules strikes out the General Laws Committee Amendment.

ALBANY, April 16.—The Assembly Committee on Rules, which is now in charge of the bill, agreed this afternoon to report favorably the Elsworth bill to prohibit the unauthorized publication of portraits. The nullifying amendments inserted by the General Laws Committee were stricken out, and only the amendments agreed to by Senator Elsworth were retained.

The committee also ordered a favorable report on the Senate bill providing for a gradual reduction in the price of gas in New York city.

## BILLS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.

They include the Primary Election and the Salt Springs Bills.

ALBANY, April 16.—These bills were made laws today by Gov. Black's signature:

Assemblyman C. J. Clark's, appropriating \$80,000 for establishing and maintaining the State Reservation on the St. Lawrence River.

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THE SENATE COMMITTEES. Agreement Between Republicans and Democrats on Filling the Vacancies.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The "tie-up" which has existed in the committees of the Senate since Congress met in extraordinary session is in a fair way to be untied by the agreement which was reached to-day between the Republican and Democratic steering committees for filling the vacancies.

The steering committee of the Republicans, which will meet on Monday, many conferences have been held by these steering committees and concessions have been made by both sides, though the Democrats have had considerably the best of the situation.

Under the plan agreed upon, the committee vacancies are to be filled by Senators of the same party as their former occupants. The Finance Committee, the Judiciary Committee, the Appropriations Committee, the Committee on the District of Columbia, and the Committee on the Territories, are to be filled by Republicans, and the Committee on the Commerce and Fisheries, the Committee on the Coinage, Weights and Measures, and the Committee on the Census, by Democrats.

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## COLONIAL SILVERWARE.

Among the interesting features of its annual display of Artistic Silverware, the Gorham Co., Silversmiths, invite special attention to the reproduction of Colonial Silver. All the qualities which make the originals valuable have been strictly adhered to. Tea Services, Coffee Sets, Water Pitchers, Tankards, Candle Sticks, Waiters, Salts, and Peppers are shown in a variety of quaint forms, decorated with hand engraving.

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ALASKAN BOUNDARY CONVENTION. A Bill to Entice the United States to Abandon the Territory of Alaska.

WASHINGTON, April 15.—President Cleveland sent to the Senate on Jan. 30 last an Alaskan boundary convention arranged between Sir Julian Pauncefote, the British Minister, and Secretary Olney, which still remains on the executive calendar undisturbed. At the opening of the present session Senator Davis, the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, explained the treaty at length, and urged the Senate to ratify it at once, saying that by its terms the country would gain a large addition of valuable territory. Senator Stewart of Nevada, however, objected to the consideration of the treaty at that time, and Senator Davis announced that he would call it up later, but he has not done so, and apparently for a good reason.

It is now discovered that the particular clause in the agreement by which the United States was said to gain about fourteen square miles of territory through the liberality of the British Government was misunderstood both by Senator Olney and by the British Minister. The clause was not intended to give the United States any territory, but it is not likely that the boundary treaty in its present shape will again be considered by the Senate. If it had not been for Senator Stewart's objection, which, however, was not based upon any knowledge of the flaw in the treaty, it would have been ratified at once. During the interval the terms of the convention have been examined, with the result that certain Senators feel assured that the wording of the third clause of the first article, providing that notwithstanding the sum of Mount St. Elias was within the Canadian boundary line, that Government is willing to concede to the United States the right to a line in the territory of the "thirty-mile strip" between the 141st meridian, west longitude, and the 142nd meridian, west longitude, in other words, the Canadians proposed to put the United States on record as dividing with them a portion of the territory of the United States.

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FOUNDING OF THE VILLE DE ST. NAZARE EXPLAINED.

Capt. Jaques's Official Report of the Wreck and Account of His Own Escape.

NEW YORK, April 16.—The wreck of the Ville de St. Nazaire, which was reported to have been found on the 10th of March, 1897, bound for Port-au-Prince, Hayti, is now perfectly explained. It had on board about 600 tons of merchandise and seven passengers, one first-class passenger, M. Berry, retired Captain of the navy and Inspector-General of the Compagnie Generale Transatlantique, and six second-class passengers, three men, one woman and her two little children.

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